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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1715 - BORON

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Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. Nos. 3700.2 and 6, 3717.00/1, 3717.15/1 and 2 and W.P. 1715/1.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegation were unable to accept the Note proposed by the Italian Delegation contained in paragraph 3 of COCOM Doc. No. 3717.15/1, since they believed that the quantities thus exported might become excessive. They assured the Committee that they would continue to examine exception requests for this item, as for any others, taking full account of the factors involved.
2. The BELGIAN Delegation maintained the view they had expressed in COCOM Doc. No. 3717.15/2. In a spirit of compromise, however, they would concur in the majority opinion and accept the Italian Note provided that the clause requiring immediate notification as suggested by the Italian Delegation ad referendum at the previous meeting was included therein.
3. The ITALIAN Delegation noted that there was a majority in favour of their proposal and asked the United States Delegation to re-examine it. They were prepared to withdraw it for the time being, but reserved the right to raise the matter again in the coming months. In the meantime they would suggest, on an ad referendum basis, that a compromise might be sought by limiting the terms of the Note to European satellite countries, by stressing that only small quantities would be allowed, by insisting on immediate notification and on the possibility of revision after a few months.

CONCLUSION : The COMMITTEE noted that agreement had not been reached on the proposed Italian Note. The definition of Item 1715 would therefore remain as indicated in COCOM Doc. No. 3717.15/1.

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